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## METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

City of St. Louis – 1915 Olive Street – St. Louis, MO – 63103

June 19, 2020

MuckRock News Attn: Emma Best DEPT MR 94037 411A Highland Ave. Somerville, MA 02144-2516

SR #20-280 RE: Any contracts or non-disclosure agreements (enacted or in effect from January 1, 2020 through June 1, 2020) with the company "Persistent Surveillance Systems"

Dear Ms. Best:

The St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department received the attached sunshine request on June 18, 2020. Based on the information you provided, please be advised of the following:

We are unable to conduct an e-mail search to/from as requested:

To/from "police/law enforcement unions"
To/from "the National Guard"
To/From "Federal officials"

These search terms are too vague. In order to perform this search, you must identify at least a partial email address.

Based on what you provided, an e-mail search can be performed based on the following criteria:

To/From: all SLMPD employees

Search terms (any of the following): protest; protests; Black Lives Matter; BLM; riot; riots; antifa; antifascists; anti-fascist; militia

Date range: May 1, 2020-date of search

Please provide the additional information requested and advise if you would like us to proceed with providing a cost estimate to perform the above-outlined search.

Sincerely,

Barbara Manuel-Crossman

Sunshine Law Coordinator

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June 8, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the The Missouri Sunshine Law, I hereby request the following records:

Emails, letters, and memos to or from police/law enforcement unions, the National Guard, or federal officials between May 1, 2020 and the present.

I also request copies of emails containing any of the following: "protest", "protests", "Black Lives Matter", "BLM", "riot", "riots", "antifascist", "anti-fascist", or "militia".

I am a member of the news media and request classification as such. I have previously written about the government and its activities, with some reaching over 100,000 readers in outlets such as Gizmodo, MuckRock, Motherboard, Property of the People, Unicorn Riot, and The Outline, among others. As such, as I have a reasonable expectation of publication and my editorial and writing skills are well established. In addition, I discuss and comment on the files online and make them available through non-profits such as the library Internet Archive and the journalist non-profit MuckRock, disseminating them to a large audience. While my research is not limited to this, a great deal of it, including this, focuses on the activities and attitudes of the government itself. As such, it is not necessary for me to demonstrate the relevance of this particular subject in advance.

As my primary purpose is to inform about government activities by reporting on it and making the raw data available, I request that fees be waived.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 3 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely.

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